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What is your point of order?

SENATOR NEWELL: The point of order that I raised is, how can we have a motion to lump everything together and then have a division of the question? Now I have a problem with that. A suspension of the rules should be a suspension of the rules. Now I may be wrong, Senator Nichol, but it seems ever so clear to this kid that that is, in fact, what ought to be the case. If you who rule that the motion is out of order that is one thing, but to rule that the motion is incorrectly stated by allowing for a division seems tough for me to understand.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I must make a decision and I have made the decision to divide the question and we are going to vote on Senator DeCamp's portion first. Now if you want to challenge that, go ahead, but I suggest you don't. Okay, is there any discussion on the DeCamp portion? Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, I think this is one of the most important things we will have to do yet this evening. The other day when Senator DeCamp had his motion up to have a constitutional amendment on the ballot this year, I kept still and I have regretted it ever since. I think that we need very badly to get this on the ballot this year. I don't care how you feel, whether you feel a farmer should have a little less tax on their property than maybe our city cousins. I don't care how you feel about homestead exemption. I do, but it is not the point here. But we must, and I agree with Senator DeCamp, find a solution to this problem or we are going to have a real problem out there and my people at home are saying, what did you do in the Legislature to help alleviate the Holiday Inn problem and the problem of 2 to 5 percent, 2 to 4 percent tax on our property. And I can say, well, we really didn't do anything. We had a couple bills up and a resolution but we went home and didn't do a darn thing. So I would hope that you would support Senator DeCamp in this moment of trial in our last hours of this session and really do something that will perhaps find a solution, and if we don't get this done this next year, we are going to have it in our lap in a different way than we are going to like it. So I hope you